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After their second consecutive 20-win season, the Flyer women's basketball team earned an at-large bid to the Women's National Invitation Tournament. They travel to Rochester, Mich., to play the Oakland Grizzlies (26-6) Thursday. The winner will face Indiana University (19-10) in Bloomington, Ind., Sunday, March 22.

Returning only one starter from last year's 25-9 team, the Flyers are led by A-10 Rookie of the Year Justine Raterman and sophomore A-10 Third Team selection Kristen Daugherty. Raterman's double-double in the A-10 tournament quarterfinals helped notch that 20th win of the season — pulled out in overtime against a nationally ranked Xavier squad (#16/15). Clutch back-to-back three pointers from freshman De'Sarae Chambers kept the Flyers in the game late and helped send it to overtime.

The Flyers join eight other A-10 schools in post-season play. The league placed eight teams in the top 100 RPI, more than the Big Ten and PAC 10 and tied with the ACC. Dayton's RPI is 76, according to CollegeRPI.com.

The team's future is bright. This year's squad features six freshmen, three of whom are starters. Two other freshmen are the top options off the bench.

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